

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's non-negotiable order to its 62 stations to air an anti-John Kerry documentary just three weeks before the election.

It is the job of the media to air all points of view. I would applaud a variety of political programming even if it included propagandistic documentaries. But any television station that uses the limited band of public airwaves has a moral responsibility (if no longer a legal one) to air diverse points of view. For instance, a station might air the anti-Bush Fahrenheit 9/11 to balance this attack on Kerry.

What is far more egregious, however, is the fact that the corporate office at Sinclair is using its monopolistic power to blatantly influence the vote--and not coincidentally return to office an administration that favors allowing more media concentration. This is not a news decision, nor is it one that respects free speech. And it has been enabled by you, the FCC.